

INFORMATION

AGENDA ITEM: Young Adult Services

GENERAL OVERALL PROGRAM UPDATES:

CURRENT STATUS: In August 1999, the Library of California Board adopted a motion “to pursue a legislative vehicle(s) to implement a statewide Young Adult Services Program based on a program design that was initially adopted by the Board in August 1998.” Since the last Board meeting, the following activities have occurred:

AB 49 IS INTRODUCED

On December 04, 2000, Assemblymember Carl Washington (52nd District) introduced AB 49, which will create the “Youth Mentoring and Safe Communities Grant Program.” (Exhibit A)

Sponsored by the Library of California Board, and supported by the California Library Association, the Department of Education and numerous law enforcement agencies, the bill is based on the program design that was initially adopted by the Board in August 1998.

The bill is identical to AB 2486 which was introduced last year by Assemblymember Washington, but was not signed by the Governor.

According to the bill, prior to the most recent amendment, the State Librarian shall award grants to local public libraries that provide services to youth including, but not limited to, occupational and post-secondary education information, a homework center, a mentoring center, and a resources clearinghouse providing information regarding local after school programs and activities for youth. * \$2.5 million is appropriated from the General Fund to the State Librarian for the purpose of allocating funds on a competitive grant award basis.

* December 4, 2000 version
amended in assembly May 1, 2001
amended in assembly May 31, 2001

AB 49 HEARINGS

AB 49 was heard by the Assembly Local Government Committee on Wednesday, April 25 at 1:30 p.m. was passed (Ayes 9. Noes 1) and referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee. Testimony was provided by Susan Steinhauser on behalf of the Library of California Board.

AB 49 was amended by the author on May 1, 2001. The amendment was included in section 1. "In April 2000, the Assembly Select Committee on Adolescence, chaired by then Assembly Member Susan Davis, published a report of policy recommendations to improve the lives of California's teens. Among the recommendations was a very specific suggestion to provide more youth services through existing public libraries."

AB 49 was heard by the Assembly Appropriations Committee on Wednesday, May 16, 2001 and was referred to the suspense file.

AB 49 was heard by the Assembly Appropriations Committee on Thursday, May 31, 2001, and was amended and passed (Ayes 14. Noes 7) (see Exhibit A). All references to (funding) \$2.5 million were deleted from the bill.

AB 49 will be heard by the Assembly during the week of June 4 – June 8, 2001.

RELATED ISSUE TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD IN THE FUTURE: Updates on activities by Board members and staff.

Relevant Committee: Access Services
Staff Liaison: Bessie Condos Tichauer